1	2	3	4	5	6
Alloy Steels					
	Bar/Billet	47		-	UK, Australia
Total	47	12073	7618		
Salem Steel Plant					USA, Malaysia
Stn Coils/Sheets		6758	11410	7497	Australia, Brazil
	Total	6758	11410	7497	Canada, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Hong Kong, South Africa.

[English]

Security Lapses

2550. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items appearing in the 'Times of India', dated July 12, 1996 captioned "History-Sheeter exposes gaps in Delhi airport security";

(b) if so, the details and facts thereof;

(c) the action taken against the culprits and the officials for issuing passes to persons of criminal background; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri Mohinder Singh, Chhote lal, Lalit Mohan & Harish Chander, employees of M/s Ambassador Sky Chef were arrested by Customs Department for smuggling of gold at Delhi Airport on 11.7.1996.

(c) Photo Identity Cards (PICs) of the culprits have been cancelled. Since the PICs have been issued after police verification, the officers who issued the PICs are not considered guilty.

(d) Instruction for stricter verification of character/ antecedents of applicants have been reiterated.

Non-functioning of Telephone Exchange in Jajpur, Orissa

2551. SHRI ANCHAL DAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the non-functioning of telephone exchange at Jajpur in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to modernise the telephone exchange keeping in view of its importance?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). The telephone exchange at Jajpur is functioning satisfactorily. A modern electronic exchange of 1000 lines is already working at Jajpur. It is connected with reliable digital Media with Cuttack TAX.

Expansion of Metro Channel

2552. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to expand Metro channel throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BRQADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). Whereas the Metro service of Doordarshan (DD.II) is available throughout the country, via satellite, by using an appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrially the service is being extended initially to State Capitals and major cities in the country in a phased manner depending on availability of resources and inter se priorities,. Presently, the service is being relayed terrestrially through 42 transmitters.

New Telephone Exchanges in Goa

2553. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of existing telephone exchanges alongwith the number of subscribers in Goa and capacity thereof;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Goa; and